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HONGKONG, 10th November, 1902.

It is eminently satisfactory to learn that

the Powers have at last arranged to

evacuate Shanghai at an early date,

leaving the details of conditions for subse-

quent settlement, as Reuters informs us.

As China is stated to have agreed to make

the required reparation in the matter for

the Cheungchow murders, Great Britain has

no further reason for keeping troops at

Shanghai, and apart from this matter no

Power has any grounds for the retention of

a garrison there in defiance of the arrange-

ment made with the late LIT KUNG-YI.

The difficulties over the evacuation have

been rather incompressible, if we are to

assume that all the four Powers concerned

were straightforward. Our junior evening

contemporary on Saturday night published,

by arrangement with the *Ostasiatische**Lloyd*, a Berlin telegram referring to the

Shanghai question. This telegram reported

the "absolute accord" of Britain and

Germany and their agreement that every

nation shall have the right to re-occupy

Shanghai, should any foreign Power again

land troops at the port. Such an agree-

ment hardly seems necessary, as the

"right" mentioned follows naturally from

the peculiar position of Shanghai, and

China's feelings in the matter were of course

not considered. All that is done by the

arrangement is to legalise sudden joint

occupations of Shanghai if any one Power

thinks fit to land troops at the port for the

purpose of bringing pressure to bear on

China. The gain to the Powers is a doubt-

ful one. The concluding part of the Berlin

"economic, has been accepted by the
"Chinese Government, there is no further
"cause for discussion on this point." This
is a piece of bombast. The conditions of
the settlement await discussion, and the
above statement merely reflects the attitude
of the Berlin Press. Writing of this attitude
with regard to the Yangtze question, the
Japan Mail of the 27th October made some
very just remarks. "We are in the pre-
"sence of an almost farcical display of bias,"
said our Yokohama contemporary. "No
"German journalist can labour under the
"smallest misapprehension in this matter."
He must know quite well that what
England objects to is not an arrangement
"guaranteeing the integrity of the Yangtze
"Valley and the preservation of the open
"door there, since these are the declared
"bases not only of England's general
"policy, but also of her compact with
"Germany and Japan. He must know
"quite well that what she objects to is the
"undisguised hostility of Germany and
"France, which two Powers, having hitherto
"professed to work hand in hand with her
"for the settlement of the China problem,
"have now deliberately thrown her over and
"attempted to conclude with the Peking
"Government an arrangement unequivocal-
"ly ousting Great Britain from the
"position of acknowledged influence hither-
"to held by her in the Yangtze Valley."

We can add nothing to the above which
will make the situation clearer. The
insincerity of the Franco-German move is
shown by the limitation of the so-called
"guarantee" of China to the Yangtze
Valley—as if China were now in despair of
being able to maintain the integrity of the
rest of the Empire. As represented by the
Berlin journals and their Shanghai
reflection the *Ostasiatische Lloyd*, Germany
appears in the extremely unfattering light
of a disloyal ally, and as the *Japan Mail*
says at the conclusion of the article from
which we quote above, the amicable desire
of British subjects, who want to live at
peace with Germany, whom they admire and
in whose ambitions they recognise familiar
sentiments, is receiving some rude shocks.

To-day being a public holiday in honor of
His Majesty the King's 61st birthday, this
office will be closed and there will be no issue
of the *Daily Press* to-morrow morning.

The war and other vessels in harbour dressed
ship yesterday in celebration of His Majesty's
birthday, and at one o'clock a royal salute and
feu de joie were given and the National Anthem
played.

Sir John King, Bart., has arrived in Hong-
kong, having come from Chinkiang by the
Portuguese gunboat *Dia*, to take up the post of
Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor, Sir
Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G.

We received yesterday afternoon from the
U.S. Consulate-General the following typhoon
warning, dated Manila Observatory, 8th inst.,
8 p.m.:—Typhoon N. E. of Manila approach-
ing the island at present.

A slight outbreak of fire occurred on Satur-
day morning, about half-past four, in the base-
ment of a store at 115, Hollywood Road. The
restricted locality made it difficult for the fire-
men to cope with the flames, but they succeeded
in subduing them before much damage was
done.

The following returns of the average amount
of banknotes in circulation and of specie in
reserve in Hongkong, during October, are cer-
tified by the managers of the respective banks:—

Banks.	Average Specie in Amount.	Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Aus- tralia and China	3,229,000	1,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank ing Corporation	9,000,183	5,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited	445,922	150,000
Total	\$13,239,205	\$6,750,000

H.E. the Governor has appointed the under-
mentioned as members of the Committee for
the Wongsichow and Queen's Recreation
Grounds, in place of the two separate Com-
mittees formerly existing:—Naval representa-
tive, Surgeon W. L. Martin, R.N.; Military,
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May, C.M.G.; Golf Club, Mr. W. T. Saunders;
Cricket Club, Mr. E. A. R. Wain; Football Club,
Mr. F. Browne; Hockey Club, Mr. J. Burton;
Jockey Club, Mr. A. S. Anton; and Victoria
Recreation Club, Mr. W. Armstrong. New
regulations for the management of the two
grounds are published in the *Gazette*.

P. C. 13 James Copeland died in the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital on Saturday morning from
heart disease, and was buried yesterday morn-
ing in the Happy Valley. The deceased joined
the Police Force three years ago from the Royal
Welsh Fusiliers, and was a capable constable and
a hard-working freeman, liked by his comrades
and valued for his services by his superiors. He
was a native of Yarmouth, aged about 31, and
was unmarried. The funeral was attended by Mr.
F. J. Badley, C.S.P., Captain Lyons, D.S.P.,
Mr. Wodehouse, A.S.P., and all available
inspectors, sergeants, and constables, members
of the Gao staff, a number of men from the
deceased's old company in the Fusiliers, "E"
Company, and several civilians. The service
was conducted by the Rev. B. F. Johnson,
Chaplain of the Cathedral. The coffin, which
was covered with wreaths, four of them subscribed
for and sent by Chinese policemen and firemen,
was borne to the grave by a relief party of
twelve constables.

A conference of all the South African states
will be held in January next to consider the
possibility of a general customs union.

The Hon. V. B. Ponsbury, son of Viscount
Dunannon, is at present the guest at Govern-
ment House, of H. E. the Governor.

Mr. H. Kirino is recognised as Acting
Consul for Japan during the absence of Mr. M.
Noma, and Mr. Labarre as Consul for Chile in
Hongkong.

The German mail line has prepared its list of
sailings for next spring, as will be seen in
another column, and desires to state that early
booking is required for the securing of good
accommodation.

There is reason to believe that a practicable
scheme for the encouragement of naval gunnery,
the outlines of which are attributed to Admiral
Sir E. H. Seymour, is under the consideration
of the Admiralty.

Mr. Gilbert Jessop, the famous cricketer, was
married on the 8th ult. at Christ Church,
Lancaster Gate, to Miss Millicent Osborne, of
New South Wales. Mr. Jessop met his bride
during the visit of the last English cricket
team to Australia.

The Empress Dowager is hastening the work
on the Imperial Palace at Pekingfu as much
as possible, as it is said she may visit there
during the 10th moon. She has expressed the
opinion that a ruler should visit more places
and personally know the condition of things
better. It appears to the *P. & T. Times*
extremely unlikely that any visit will be paid to
Pekingfu this year, however.

A telegram dated London, October 14th, says:
—Judge Curran, in his charge to the grand
jury at the Mullingar Assizes, stated he regret-
ted that boycotting had been commenced in the
County of Westmeath. The grand jury hand-
ed in a protest against coercion. His Honour
challenged any of the jurors to say if they had
been coerced, and there was no response. The
Judge thereupon told the document of the
jurors into fragments, saying, "There's your
precious resolution." His Honour then dis-
charged the jury.

The Australian cricketers are not having
things all their own way in South Africa.
Australian papers report that the match
between the Australians and South Africa,
which was commenced on the 11th ult. at
Johannesburg, ended in a draw. South Africa
was the first to bat and scored 454. The
Australians then went to the wickets and were
dismissed for 286. Following on, they put up
377 for seven wickets, when the innings was
declared closed, Hill making 142. South Africa
in the second innings lost four wickets for 101.

It is reported at Washington that a decision
has been given in connection with the dispute
regarding Samoa between Germany and the
United States and England. The arbitrator,
King Oscar, is stated to have held that England
and the United States are liable for damage
done to German subjects in consequence of the
landing of their troops to take part in the
fighting with Matani and to have implied that
the landing of these troops was a wrongful
act. The Americans are already protesting
vehemently against the acceptance of this
principle.

The *P. & T. Times* writes:—Rear Admiral
Sah has been taking effective measures to deal
with the growing piracy along the southern
shores of the Gulf. The Chefoo native mer-
chants made representations to the U.S. Consul,
who, as trade was being paralysed, at once
transferred the matter to Peking, with the result
that Admiral Sah was wired to take instant and
vigorous steps to deal with the business. To
it is somewhat strange that so intelligent and
active an officer did not act on his own initiative
at once. The Chinese have always endorsed the
theory of Roman Law, that pirates are enemies
of the human race.

The drafting of the cases for Japan on the
one side and Great Britain, France, and Ger-
many on the other in relation to the House-tax
has now commenced, says the *Kobe Chronicle*.
As already reported, Mr. H. W. Devisson for
the Foreign Office and Messrs. Miyake and
Ochiai are drawing up what at first be drafted by each
nation concerned in the arbitration separately.
The British committee consists of Sir Claude
Macdonald, with Mr. J. C. Hall, British Consul
at Kobe, and Mr. A. A. C. Bonar, British
Consul at Yokohama, Mr. A. H. Lay, of the
British Legation, being Secretary, and Dr.
Mansueta giving legal advice. We understand
the case that is being drafted by Germany has
been entrusted to the Consuls of Yokohama and
Kobe, and that a similar course has been taken
by the French Legation.

It is now well-established a fact that malaria
is a mosquito-borne malarial fever that further proof is
superfluous. The mosquito, however, is never
found far from stagnant water and vegetation, and
hence it has not hitherto been ascertained why
a place like Ismailia, swept by the burning winds
and sandstorms of the Sahara, should be subject
to the disease to so great an extent as it is.
We now have a report by Major Ross, of the
Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, who has
been investigating the matter. He states that
the local physicians have discovered the existence
of miniature marshes, in which the mosquito
breeds, these marshes being due to the presence
of subsoil water very near the surface. It is to
the presence of *anophelis* in these marshes that
Ismailia owes the great number of malaria cases
per annum. To fill up these marshes, or to have
them deepened so as to drain off the water, which
the larvae will not be difficult, and Major Ross
has good hope that Ismailia will soon be per-
manently free from malaria.

The Japanese Diet is to meet early in
December.

The Austrian cruiser *Kaiser Karl VI* left
for Nanking on Saturday. The Portuguese
gunboat *Dia* arrived from Macao yesterday.

The manager of the Commercial Pacific
Cable Company of the United States states that
so far as the company is concerned it is untrue
that it intends to lay a cable from Fanning
Island, one of the stations of the Pacific cable,
to Honolulu, a station of the company.

"It may be of interest to your many readers,"
writes a naval man to the *Globe*, "to know that
in future we of H.M. Navy intend to abstain
from such swear words as 'Great Scott!'" In-
stead, to a man, they will merely exclaim,
Globe says, "How Terrible!" How Powerful!

The Durban correspondent of the London
Standard reports that four Americans and
Australians attempted to hold up a train at
Pinetown, about 17 miles north of Durban, on
the 13th ult., their object being presumably to
rob a safe on the train of £12,000. The authori-
ties were made aware of the plot. Detectives
were concealed in the vicinity of the railway,
and the train robbers were arrested.

A very handsome and skillfully executed brass
tablet has been placed in the Roman Cathedral,
Plymouth, by the officers and men of H.M.S.
Orlando, to the memory of the late Capt. James
Henry Burke, R.N., C.B., who commanded the
Orlando three and a half years on the China
Station, and served during the recent campaign.
The distinguished officer was well known in
Plymouth and Devonport, and was married in
the R.C. Cathedral in 1878.

Captain Percy Scott, C.B., on the 3rd ult.,
had the honour of being received by the King,
and His Majesty invested him with the
Insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian
Order for his services in South Africa and
China, and presented him with the 3rd
class of the Military Division of the Order of
the Bath, to which he had been gazetted in 1900,
but had been prevented from receiving owing
to his absence on service abroad.

So few of the small remaining number of
China's fleet remain, writes a home paper, that
it is a pleasure to point to one show vessel.
This is H.M.S. *Hatch*, one of China's finest
vessels. Commodore Sah is a model Chinese
captain of a model Chinese ship, built in Eng-
land about three years ago, of exceptional speed
and utility, furnished with every modern
European improvement, and, above all, foreign
discipline of a high order is observed.

Admiral Baron Yamamoto, Japanese Minister
for the Navy, is reported to have said to a
visitor that the three armoured cruisers, the
Motokuni, *Ishikuni*, and *Hakidate*, which
proved themselves the best fighting vessels in
the Japanese Navy during the war with China
in 1894-5, were now entirely out of date com-
pared with the present war-ships. Several of
the smaller and older vessels in the Japanese
fleet had already been proved to be practically
useless for active service. By the proposed
extension of the Navy Admiral Baron Yama-
moto said he meant the replacing of old vessels
by new ones. He did not consider that his
scheme was worthy of such an attractive name
as "the extension of the Navy in the third
stage." It simply meant the substitution of
new vessels of about 8,000 tons for the old
ones representing 5,000 tons.

SUPPOSED MURDER AND
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

About eight o'clock on Saturday morning a
report was made to the police that a Malay
woman living at 10, Square Street, near Holly-
wood Road, had been stabbed by her husband
also a Malay, and when the house was entered
the woman, who had a terrible wound in the abdo-
men, was found to be dead, whilst her husband
and supposed murderer was suffering from
several self-inflicted wounds in the same part of
the body. He had gashed himself horribly with a
long-bladed knife, and had to be medically treated
before being removed to the Government Civil
Hospital, where he now lies in a dangerous
condition. A Chinese doctor from the Tung
Va Hospital attended to the man's injuries, in
answer to a call from the Central Police
Station.

DEPARTURE OF THE FUSILIERS.

If any indication was wanted that whatever
trouble, real or imaginary, existed recently to the
north of the Colony, was ended, it may be regarded
as having come on Saturday in the order that
the Royal Welch Fusiliers were to embark forth-
with on the transport *Walool*. The regiment's
new station is in Chakrata, India, and when the
order to embark was made known to those
whom it affected, immediate preparations were
made for facilitating the departure of the
transport. Gangs of coolies were hired, and
these were at work most of the day,
under the superintendence of soldiers, removing
the heavy baggage to Commissariat Pier, near
the Headquarters Office, whence it was
transferred by lighter to the *Walool*, lying out
in the stream. The men from the North, to the
number of 340, who had been encamped on the
New Parade Ground, embarked yesterday, all
being on board by about two o'clock. Those in
harracks whose destination also is India were to
embark by seven o'clock this morning, and the
Walool will sail as soon thereafter as possible.
About 400 time-expired Fusiliers will remain
in garrison in the meantime, and probably
sail for home in the course of the week by the
transport *Palawan*.

The *Palawan*, which left Southampton on the
1st ult., arrived yesterday. She brings 189 men
for the Royal Garrison Artillery: 3 women, 8
children, 37 men of the Royal Engineers, 1
woman, 13 children, and 25 dogs.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

London, 9th November, 12.5 p.m.

THE BELGIANS ON THE YANGTZE.

A Brussels despatch states that it is
officially confirmed that China has granted
rights of foreign possession to King
Leopold's territory on the right bank of
the Yangtze.

RUSSIA'S FAR EASTERN FLEET.

Beside the battleship *Retvisan* the cruisers
Diana and *Pallada* are now proceeding to
the Far East. The St. Petersburg *Novosti*
states that Russia intends sending imme-
diately another ironclad and two armoured
cruisers.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

London, 6th November.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S TOUR.

Mr. Chamberlain's wishes are to proceed on
his mission with an open and unprejudiced
mind, his sole desire being to bring together the
kindred people in one great African nation
under the British flag.

THE RE-SETTLEMENT OF SOUTH
AFRICA.

The results of the re-settlement of South
Africa, and the re-patriation of the burghers
hitherto has exceeded the most sanguine an-
ticipations. The Government will liberally
compensate Natal and Capetown, apart from
the two millions sterling already voted.

London, 6th November.

THE VOLUNTEERS FOR
SOMALILAND.

The Foreign Office regrets its inability to
accept the Boer contingent of volunteers for
Somaliland.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S TOUR.

The Cape newspapers resent Mr. Chamber-
lain's going first to Natal on board the Cape's
cruiser.

U. S. POLITICS.

The next House of Representatives will be
composed of 294 Republicans and 179 Demo-
crats. The result is considered a personal
victory for Mr. Roosevelt.

London, 7th November.

THE KAISER'S VISIT TO ENGLAND.

His Majesty the German Emperor has
sailed from Kiel for England.

FUNDS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

The Appropriation Bill providing eight
millions sterling for the Transvaal and Orange
River Colony, has passed the first reading in
the House of Commons.

London, 7th November.

BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

British trade returns for October show an
increase of 2½ millions sterling in imports and
1½ millions sterling in exports, as compared
with the corresponding period of 1901.

THE EVACUATION OF SHANGHAI.

Reuters learns that the Powers have arranged
to evacuate Shanghai at an early date, leaving
details of conditions for subsequent settlement.

THE EDUCATION BILL.

Mr. Balfour has given notice that on Tuesday
next he will introduce a resolution enabling
Parliament to finish the discussion on the
Education Bill before Christmas. This is
understood means closure by compromise.

INTERPORT RIFLE MATCH.

The following team has been selected to
represent Hongkong in the Interport Rifle
Match:—Messrs. J. Pidgeon, D. Baldwin, E.
Stewart, C. Marshall, J. Parker, W. Stockwood,
R. Lapsley, and J. Crocker. Col. Sgt. Crocker and
Sgt. Inst. Davis, R.M.L.I. Reserve, Mr. J.
Andrew and Sgt. Griffiths. Compared with
the team which shot in the Imperial Rifle
Match, there are four new names amongst the
present ten—those of Messrs. Marshall, Parker,
Crocker, and Davis, who take the place of
Messrs. Penning and Lammet. Sapper
McEwen, R.E., and Sergeant Griffiths, the
last-named is one of the two reserves in the
Interport. The match, as we have already
intimated, takes place on Wednesday, 12th inst.,
with Saturday, 15th inst., as an alternative day
should the weather prove unfavourable.

WARREN'S CIRCUS.

It is now some time since the community
had an opportunity of witnessing a circus per-
formance, and the opportunity afforded by
Mr. Warren and his circus company was
consequently largely responded to. Saturday
last was the opening night and the large mar-
quee was thronged with people, and warms
what uncomfortable in consequence. Warren's
Circus, has appeared here before, but it has never
put on the brilliant programme that is now
submitted. It is really one of the best per-
formances of its kind that has been given here
for many years, and there was not a dull number
or a "fill up" presented. The performing
dogs, trained by "Nina" and "Mills" Mary Rowe,
are alone worth the price of admission, and their
tricks are many and wonderful. They have been
splendidly trained and go through their per-
formance thoroughly obedient and without a
failure. Little Emily Lutter is a very graceful
and charming artist, and there is absolutely no
need for her subsequent contortion acts, which
are in appalling contrast to her earlier efforts.
Miss Mary Bell appears to be able to do any-
thing on the invisible wire, possess a charming
person, and like the fair acrobats, Mills,
Allick, was deservedly applauded. The children
Dick and Belle Bell contribute a pretty and clever
number to the programme, and in high kicking
and leg stretching Louis and William Lutter
perform wonders. The clowns are very funny
mimed provide much amusement. The perform-
ances in fact are, and the circus deserves to be,
and no doubt will be, largely patronized. This
afternoon at three o'clock there will be a special
matinee performance in commemoration of the
King's birthday.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 6th November.

CHARITY FOILED BY FLOODS.

During the drought which caused such vast
destruction of rice-crops in Canton and the
outlying districts, the charitable institutions
O-yuk Tong and the Kwong Chai, Tang Wa,
Kwong Yan, Sut Sin, Sung Ching and other
bureaus got up subscriptions, and sent men
to Wai and Chinkiang to buy rice and bring
it back to Canton to be sold to the poor at
cheap prices. The Acting Prefect Kung has
also petitioned the Viceroy and obtained some
money from the Government for the same
purpose. Some ships were chartered to bring
the rice to Canton. On their way hither, when
passing the Water Lily Mountain, a number of
pirates attacked them, and carried away over ten
thousand bags of rice, to the value of over ten
thousand taels. Yesterday the charitable institu-
tions presented a petition to the Yunyu
Magistrate to beg of the Viceroy to cause the
arrest of the pirates and the recovery of the
rice, and also to send men-at-war to convey the
rest of the rice.

AN ARTFUL REUSE.

The Nambol Magistrate is well-known as
one of the ablest and most shrewd officials in
Canton; his strategy is such that it seldom
fails. A few days ago he went with a number
of soldiers into the village of Su To to sup-
press a big clan fight. When there he ordered
gentry and elders of the belligerent parties to
appear before him on board the mandarin boat;
they came fully equipped to meet a frowning
face or to bear a severe lecture. Instead, in a
pleasant and conciliatory manner, he told them
sit down, and requested them to advise their
people not to fight for a mere trifling matter,
but to live at peace with each other. They
were so well pleased that they have consented
to bind themselves never to fight again; the
Magistrate then requested them to surrender
all their arms. After the bonds had been signed
and the arms surrendered, he ordered them
to be detained "on board" "them" over,
there being more than three thousand pieces of
arms, he ordered them to be confiscated, and
fined the possessors for their offence, amounting
to 15,000 taels or more. Then the elders and
gentry knew that they had fallen into a trap.

MASONIC.

At a regular meeting on Saturday evening of
the United States Lodge of Freemasons No.
1244, E.C. Bro. H. D. Wolf was elected
Worshipful Master, Wm. Bro. H. J. Watson
Treasurer, and Bro. Vanstone Tyler.

THE JANET WALDO

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

LOST.
A RED SETTER DOG, on Sunday afternoon near Murray Barracks. Finder returning same to A. H. RENNIE will receive a reward of \$100.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1932. [2994]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA AND CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE

FROM To day, Mr. J. M. BECK Assumes Charge of the Hongkong Office of the above Companies, and Mr. W. BULLARD, who has been Acting Manager in China of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Limited, will leave for Hongkong, 10th November, 1932. [2993]

THEATRE ROYAL.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. W. REULE.
Representative, Mr. ARTHUR SEYMOUR.

THE JANET WALDORF COMPANY,
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MONDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

Miss JANET WALDORF
The talented young American Actress.
Miss Waldorf in short seems to combine all the qualities necessary for an ideal actress. — *The Calcutta Englishman*.

Supported by the gifted Actor
MR. NORVAL MCGREGOR
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MONDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.
When will be presented for the first time in Hongkong, the celebrated Military Drama
"A ROYAL DIVORCE"
The most successful play of the period; in Five Acts and Striking Tableaux.
Direction of A. DOW-CURRIER.
All the production will be artistically and elaborately staged and beautifully costumed.

Box Plan on view at ROBINSON'S.
Prices ... 82, 82, & 81.

KOWLOON FERRY.—When required the last launch will not leave till 10 minutes after the Performance.
PEAK TRAMWAY.—Special Cars will run a quarter of an hour after fall of curtain.

Overture each Evening at 9 precisely.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1932. [2948]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"HATTAN"
Captain Beach, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 11th inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARSEN & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th November, 1932. [2992]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
STEAM FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO AND YOKOHAMA.
The Imperial German Mail Steamship

"KLAUSCHOU"
OF THE HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.
Captain E. L. Henschel, due here with the outward German Mail about the 12th inst., will leave for the above places about 24 hours after arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHER Lloyd.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1932. [2991]

KING'S BIRTHDAY.
IN accordance with Government Notification No. 659, the Undersecretary of Public Business TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 10th inst. For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

T. P. O'CHIRANE.
Acting Manager, Hongkong.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
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Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
EVAN ORMISTON,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency.
G. MAYER,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, TARO HODSUMI,
Manager.
For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.
F. P. HARROLD,
Acting Manager.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.
H. FIGG,
Manager.
For the RUSSO-CHINESE BANK.
J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Representative in Hongkong.

For the GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK.
N. G. EVANS,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 4th November, 1932. [2987]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above named Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, 13, BRANCONFIELD ARCADE, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, TO-MORROW, the 11th NOVEMBER, 1932, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing, the following Special Resolution:—

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased by the creation and issue of 60,000 New Ordinary Shares of \$11 each, with the sum of \$10 paid up on each, and that the Directors be empowered, and authorized, to accept surrenders of the present 60,000 Ordinary Shares of the Company of \$10 each on which the sum of \$10 each has been paid up, and that one New Share of \$11, with the sum of \$10 paid up thereon, be given in lieu of and in exchange for each old share of \$10 fully paid up, and that thereupon the old share be cancelled.

2. That of the remaining \$1 payable in respect of each of the New Shares, the sum of 50 cents be paid on the surrender of the old share, and that the remainder be called up (if necessary) and paid at such times and in such instalments as the Board may determine.

Should the above Special Resolution be passed by the requisite majority of Shareholders, it will be submitted for confirmation to a second Extraordinary General Meeting to be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th October, 1932. [2941]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ADJOURNED ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company which was adjourned from the 18th August last will be held at the CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, the 18th NOVEMBER, at 11.15 o'clock a.m., when the Poll ordered at the Meeting of the 18th August will be taken.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9 o'clock a.m. on MONDAY, the 17th, to 1 o'clock p.m. on TUESDAY, the 18th November, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GEO. A. CALDWELL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1932. [2932]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 25th instant, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statements of Accounts to the 30th April, and of declaring Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. RAY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1932. [2933]

ST. ANDREW'S BALL.

THE DATE OF THE FIRST PRACTICE DANCE has been ALTERED TO TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 11th NOVEMBER.

Dates of 2nd and 3rd Practices, 17th and 24th November respectively.

DAVID WOOD,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1932. [2956]

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

SUBSCRIPTION BALL.

A SUBSCRIPTION BALL in aid of the funds required for the new full-sized Croquet Lawn will be held at the CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, 9th DECEMBER, from 9.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.

The price of Tickets will be \$5 each, to be paid at the time of application, and the Tickets will be non-transferable.

Any persons wishing to apply for Tickets for themselves or their friends will please send in the names to the undersigned or to any member of the Committee of the Ladies' Recreation Club, and the Tickets will be sent to the original applicants as soon as received from the printers.

There will be a late train to the Peak and a late launch to Kowloon.

F. A. SAUNDERS,
Hon. Sec. & Ball Committee.
Address: "Kallett Post," or Care of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. Hongkong, 8th November, 1932. [2982]

NOTICE.

OCCUPIERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS are hereby requested to co-operate with the Board in its efforts to combat PLAGUE by thoroughly cleansing their Dwellings and Servants' Quarters between the 15th November and 15th December next.

After the 15th December, the Board proposes to strictly enforce the provisions of the By-laws governing "Domestic Cleanliness and Ventilation," and the Board will, if on inspection it be found necessary, direct its officers to cleanse and disinfect premises under the provisions of the By-laws for the "Prevention or Mitigation of Epidemic, Endemic, or Contagious Diseases."

By Order of the Board,
G. A. WOODCOCK,
Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office,
Hongkong, 5th November, 1932. [2938]

P. C. PATELL & CO.

49, LYNDRUST TERRACE.

ANOTHER LOT of New Goods just received ex "Shanghai," comprising a Large Assortment of DOLLS of different sizes, PARSE DRESSED DOLLS, TOYS and FANCY GOODS, BONBONS and CRACKERS, AMERICAN FRUITS, HUNTLEY and PALMER'S CAKES and BISCUITS, various kinds of MARIE BURGARD & CO'S FRENCH LIQUEURS. Inspection cordially invited.

Hongkong, 8th November, 1932. [2985]

ENTERTAINMENTS

WARREN'S GRAND AMERICAN CIRCUS
ON THE
PRAYA, FACING THE CENTRAL MARKET.

TO-NIGHT (MONDAY), 10th NOVEMBER.

THE FAMOUS LUCIFER FAMILY.

LUCIFER,
THE MODERN SANDOW, IN WONDERFUL WEIGHT-LIFTING ACTS AND FEATS OF STRENGTH.

MISS EMILY LUCIFER,
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Hongkong, 5th November, 1932. [2942]

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Public Works Department, Macao, 22nd October, 1932.

A. NUNES,
Engineer-in-charge.

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Hongkong, 7th November, 1932. [2976]

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By Command, **F. H. MAY,**
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 4th November, 1902. [2960]

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1902.

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except a few sticks at certain hours of the day
in the kitchen. The bill was made in England
by the Local Government Board under the
Public Health Act, 1875, requiring sleeping-rooms
three hundred cubic feet for each inmate, and
the Factory and Workshop Act, 1895, requires
ordinarily two hundred and fifty cubic feet. It
is submitted that in Hongkong four hundred
cubic feet as provided by The Public Health
Ordinance, 1901, is ample, and that at any rate
if the allowance as recently fixed by the local
legislature is now to be increased this can only
be justly done subject to compensation for any
loss thereby occasioned in accommodation and rent.

Section 147 of the Bill forbids the erection of
buildings more than forty feet deep without
lateral windows. The effect of this is that
owners of deeper sites already leased from the
Crown (e.g. Praya Reclamation lots) must
sacrifice either every third house in a row or so
much of the last as exceeds the forty feet.
Putting aside all questions of the expediency of
the prohibition, it is clear that these sacrifices
should not be required without compensation.

Sections 148 and 149 of the Bill virtually
forbid cubicles. Apart from the question of
whether some form of cubicle is not practically
necessary to the domestic life of the poorer
Chinese, it is certain that their abolition would
entail a loss of rent. The prohibition therefore,
in the case of land already leased from the
Crown, should only be applied subject to com-
pensation.

Section 170 of the Bill provides in effect, as de-
cided in the recent case of *T. Wright v. Moses* (6th
July, 1902), that the owner of a row of houses,
erected in 1900 according to the then existing
law, of however little depth, facing on one
side a private street twenty feet wide and on
the other (the kitchen) side a public street
thirty feet wide, must for the purpose of light
and ventilation, pull down part of each house so
as to make a further open space; although if
the streets had happened to be reversed, and the
one on the kitchen side had been private, it
would, even if only six feet wide, have sufficed.
It was also decided, despite the provision that
"a domestic building with two main frontages in
different streets shall be regarded as two
domestic buildings if the depth exceeds fifty
feet," that such a building of less than this
depth cannot have two frontages, but that one
of the houses on the kitchen side may be pulled
down to make a further open space; and from
the patent absurdity of such provisions, your
petitioners submit that an owner can only under
these circumstances be fairly required to alter
his property subject to compensation. It may
be observed that these cases render illegal the
Hongkong Club, the Hongkong Hotel, the
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the Chartered
Bank, and other of the principal edifices in the
colony.

Section 171 of the Bill proposes to double
the space between a new building and the hill-
side. In the case of re-erecting an existing
building, or of erecting any building on land
already leased from the Crown, this condition
should only be imposed subject to compensation.
Section 175 of the Bill provides, in the case
of new buildings on land already leased from
the Crown, that part of the land shall be left
vacant for a back lane. It may be observed that,
where lots do not align in the row, this space
would be left vacant and not available
as a lane. In any case the requirement should
be subject to compensation.

Section 177 of the Bill contains further new
and drastic provisions as to open spaces on
land already leased from the Crown. Apart
from the question whether this section is not
impracticable as rendering many valuable sites
useless for building purposes, and the question
whether it does not defeat its own object seeing
that an owner will not voluntarily rebuild at
such a sacrifice as it entails, and the question
whether the provision that the required open
space may be shared between adjoining owners
is not illusory because the owner who happens
to be first obliged to rebuild must provide the
whole, it is obvious that, if the section is retained,
it should be made subject to compensation.

Section 179 of the Bill imposes another new
condition on land already leased from the
Crown, namely that in future all private streets
must be laid out under the Government's
direction. This should be subject to com-
pensation whenever the Government requires a
scheme now local, or enforces a scheme of its
own which causes loss to the owner.

Section 180 of the Bill proposes new restric-
tions upon the width of such private streets;
here again compensation should be paid.
Section 182 of the Bill forbids the re-erection
of any existing building over a private street.
This can only be equitably done subject to
compensation; on which basis your petitioners
are, as respects the undeniability of loss, in
erected across the entrance to private streets
in such full accord with the Government that
they would advocate the compulsory removal
of such houses forthwith.

Section 202 of the Bill. Your petitioners
also agree with the Government as to the
expediency of enabling the building authority
to require an owner to shore and protect any
building which in the said authority's opinion
is dangerous; but your petitioners submit that
the owner should be allowed to appeal, and
if it appears that the building is not in fact
dangerous he should receive compensation.

In nearly all these instances the Govern-
ment's desire is manifest to remedy the
parsimony of its own past policy regarding
streets and open spaces, which policy indeed
is now being repented in the newly develop-
ed districts on the mainland, by virtually confiscat-
ing from private owners for the purposes afore-
said the right of light, in the said instances, to
have been retained for their benefit.

(d) The Housing of the Working Classes
Act, 1890.
Section 38 empowers the local authority to
compel an owner to remove an obstructive
building subject to compensation, and in
section 21 the compensation is described as
the "fair market value" of the property.

Your petitioners beg also to refer Your
Excellency to the same matter to the
following Private Municipal Acts:—
(a) The Birmingham Corporation Consoli-
dation Act, 1883, and the Building Bye-laws,
1887, made thereunder.
This Act, in section 31, &c., fully recognises
the principle contended for, and is the more
valuable as a precedent by reason of the pre-
sident part taken by the present Secretary of
State for the Colonies in the passing of the

Act, and in the improvement schemes which
occasionally it has been necessary to con-
sider. Section 39 further provides that no new
building shall be erected within a certain dis-
tance of the centre of any carriage road subject
to compensation where an existing building has
upon re-erection, to be consequently set back.
(b) The London Building Act, 1894.

Section 15 provides for widening streets,
subject to compensation.
Section 23 provides for setting back any pro-
jecting building which has been taken down or
destroyed, subject to compensation.

The Bill in section 181 similarly provides for
setting back, but without compensation.
Section 93 empowers an owner improving
his building to underpin the adjoining owner's
premises, subject to compensation to the ad-
joining owner.

The compensation would of course be pay-
able by the owner and not by the Government,
and the framers of the Bill have in section 239
been curiously loath to preserve the provision,
alone of all regarding compensation except that
payable in respect of the resumption of land
by the Crown under Part V.

(c) The Glasgow Building Act, 1900.
Section 60 provides that the height of
new buildings shall not exceed one and a
half times the width of the street where
they stand, but the right of the owner of an
existing building to re-erect it to its actual
height is reserved.

Contrast section 185 of the Bill wherein, if
the Legislative Council declines for any reason
to insert the same general reservation, the
owner's right should be recognised by com-
pensation.

(d) The Liverpool Improvement Act, 1882,
and the Building Regulations, 1901, made
thereunder.

Regulations 31 and 32 provide that when a
projecting building is taken down or destroyed
it shall be set back to the building line, subject
to "full compensation" to the owner.

Regulation 33 empowers the local authority
to adjust the building line, subject to a like
compensation.

Regulation 34 empowers the local authority,
where any building has been taken down or
destroyed, to alter the building line, subject to
a like compensation.

And so general and municipal Acts might be
cited indefinitely, and in all it would appear
that the English Legislature is ever anxious to
fully recompense any individual whose interests
have suffered for the common good.

Your petitioners suggest that, when the
Government and the owner disagree as to the
amount of compensation, the system of arbitra-
tion provided under The Public Health Act,
1875, and which has been found to work so
satisfactorily that it has been generally adopted
in Municipal Acts since that date, be retained;
and that, unless the Government and the owner
concur upon a single arbitrator, they shall each
appoint one, and the two arbitrators shall in
case of need choose an umpire to finally decide
whereon they differ.

Another important matter of principle is
the question of the expediency of giving to one
officer of the Sanitary Board—the proposed
Sanitary Commissioner—such large and arbi-
trary powers as the Bill contains. With an
ideal man, whose success at least would not be
assured, a despotic system may be the most
convenient, as otherwise it is certainly the worst.
Your petitioners urge that all important dis-
cretionary matters whereof time would permit
reference to the Board may be so referred,
and that the functions of the Commissioner, if
such an officer is to be appointed, may be
exercised under the control of the Board, and
restricted to points of detail and routine.

Further, as it is intended that the Commissioner
shall be a medical man, your petitioners submit
that he should at any rate be relieved from all
such work as especially falls within the province
of the civil engineer and architect.

9. As to the proposed abolition of verandahs
over public streets, your petitioners most re-
spectfully submit that the proper use of the
Government's right, which is the public right,
would be to encourage the erection of such
verandahs wherever the width of the street
suffices. Verandahs not only protect passengers
from sun and rain, an invaluable boon in a
tropical climate, but they enable windows to be
kept open in the bad weather which often
prevails during our hot season, they render
practicable larger windows than could otherwise
be used, and they provide a place where women
and children may obtain the benefit of the open
air with privacy. Your petitioners suggest
that in streets from thirty to fifty feet wide
verandahs should be allowed, and in streets of
greater width they should be compulsory. It
may be a question for few owners would sacrifice
their own land to build verandahs, and such
verandahs even if built would not protect the
foot-paths.

10. As to the definition of "external air" in
section 149 (9) of the Bill, your petitioners beg
to point out that it would render illegal the
buildings mentioned in the sixth paragraph of
this petition as being also illegal under section
170 of the Bill, the new Queen's and Prince's
Buildings, most of the principal European
residences and offices in the colony, and the
improved Chinese dwellings designed by the
Director of Public Works and approved by
Messrs. Chitwick and Simpson, who lately
visited Hongkong as sanitary experts. Your
petitioners suggest that the said definition be
altered so as to include, as they submit it
reasonably should, any open space whereon
the owner cannot build.

11. As to the large sum required for the pur-
pose of compensation, your petitioners think that
this should be raised, as it is in similar cases in
England, by a loan repayable in a term of years.
In view of the present uncertain state of the
Bill your petitioners hesitate to name the
amount or conditions of such a loan, and they
suggest that a committee of financiers be ap-
pointed to consider the matter. Many owners
would doubtless be prepared to carry out the
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Your petitioners submit that a definite and com-
prehensive scheme of the improvements contain-
ed by the Bill should be formulated, that
this work should be spread over a period of years,
and that a beginning should be made as soon as
possible with some of the oldest properties in
the central districts.

12. Messrs. Danby, Denison, Ram and Gibbs,
Leigh and Orange, and Palmer and Turner,
civil engineers and architects of this colony,
have, at the request of your petitioners, prepared
a fully technical report upon the Bill. This
report is enclosed. Its details are unnecessary
to repeat. It reveals in the Bill the hand of the
notice in building matters, and of one
appreciative of the rights of property. It
shows that some provisions, taken bodily from
the English statute book, are practical and well
drawn. It shows that others have been so
altered in the taking as to be deprived of their
original value. And it exemplifies by many
further instances the circumstances that
throughout the Bill (with the minor excep-
tions) all the careful provisions of the
English Acts for compensation wherever private
rights are infringed have been scrupulously
omitted.

Your petitioners therefore pray that Your
Excellency may be pleased to direct that the
Bill in its present form be withdrawn from the
further consideration of the Legislative Council,
and that it be so amended as to comprise the
principles aforesaid and especially to provide
compensation when private and vested rights
are injuriously affected for the public benefit.

[Here follow the signatures.]
The Colonial Secretary has replied as follows:—
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 20th October, 1902

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 18th instant for-
warding a petition regarding the Public Health
and Buildings Bill for the consideration of
His Excellency the Governor and to inform
you that His Excellency has already considered
most of the points submitted in a examination
of the Bill.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your
obedient servant,
(Signed) F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Esq.,
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